Impact of fare hike on passenger traffic

2156. SHRI VISHVASRAO RAMRAO PATIL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the frequent fare hike by the Indian Airlines has affected the passenger traffic; and

(b) what is the total revenue earned by the Indian Airlines during the first quarter of current financial year and how does it compare with the corresponding period of last year ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The total revenue earned by Indian Airlines during the quarter April to June, 1992 was Rs. 427.79 crores as against Rs. 312.30 crores earned during the corresponding period last year.

Change in Routes of Foreign Airlines

2157. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have approached foreign airlines to change their flight routes to accommodate domestic passengers;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of foreign airlines to this request; and

(c) what are the reasons for this request to foreign airlines ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Use of executive pilots by Indian Airlines

2158. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Airlines have been using executive pilots for its operations;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such use or executive pilots is in violation of guidelines laid down by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation;

(c) whether Director of Flight Safety has warned that an accident can take place if the services of executive pilots are continued to be used for operations; and

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Director of Flight Safety, Indian Airlines, has advised not to use the services of executive pilots in violation of the flight duty time limitations prescribed by Director General of Civil Aviation. The executive pilots are observing the prescribed flight duty time limitations.

Direct flight to Nairobi from Armedabad

2159. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any proposal to operate direct flight for Nairobi from Ahmedabad airport;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to agree to the proposal; and

(c) whether any study has been undertaken of the number of Gujarat is settled in East Africa and the likely traffic from a direct flight to Nairobi ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A market survey has been conducted in Ahmedabad recently which revealed that majority of the passengers travelling from Gujarat to Nairobi prefer to travel over Bombay. A direct flight from Ahmedabad is not considered an economically viable proportion at present.

Revaluation of I.T.D.C. Assets

2160. SHRI GAYA SINGH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that valuation of assets of 26 hotel properties of Indian